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INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRAINS ANNOUNCED IN RAILWAY BUDGET
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the trains proposed in the Rail Budget of 2007-08 and 2008-09 and the programme regarding introduction of these trains;

(b) the steps taken to run the Indore- Amritsar Express via Ujjain and providing passenger facilities accordingly on the demand of the public; and

(c) the steps taken to link the places of pilgrimage with each other and the special facilities provided to the rail passengers for pilgrimage in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a): The trains proposed for introduction in the Rail Budget speeches 2007-08 & 2008-09 are as under: -

Year	Trains announced (Trains in pairs)	Train Intro duced	Remaining for introduction
2007-08	45	43	2 (Due to non-completion of Gauge Conversion works between Villupuram and Mayiladuthurai)
2008-09	63	21	42

The trains announced in the Railway Budgets are introduced during the course of the ensuing financial year subject to availability of rolling stock & completion of infrastructural works like gauge conversion, new lines, pit lines etc.

(b): Diversion of 9325/9326 Indore- Amritsar Express (Weekly) via Dewas-Ujjain-Maksi will increase the running time and fare for through passengers, which will be resented by through passengers.

(c) Introduction of new trains including those connecting religious centres & special trains is an ongoing exercise over Indian Railways depending upon traffic pattern, operational feasibility and availability of resources.

Likewise, provision of passenger amenities at stations is also a continuous process and the same is undertaken based on the volume of passenger traffic handled at the station, inter-se priority of works etc. subject to availability of funds.